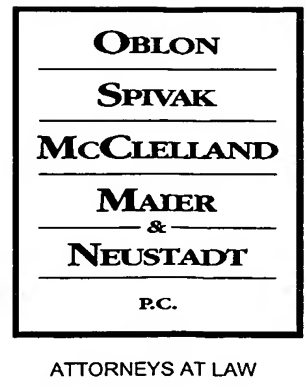


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Group Art Unit: 1754
Examiner: N. NGUYEN

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Response to Restriction Requirement

Our check in the amount of **\$0.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 26, 2004, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-9, drawn to a silica or silicate for examination. In addition, Applicants elect, for search purposes only, the single disclosed species, silica, for examination.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring restriction of the above-identified application as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-9, drawn to a silica or silicate;

Group II: Claims 10-15 and 17-20, drawn to a process for producing silica or
silicate; and

Group III: Claim 16, drawn to a catalyst support.

Applicants have elected Group I, Claims 1-9, with traverse.